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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 12, 2002 in the above-identified patent application, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I, Claims 1-15 and 18-92, drawn to the compounds, classified in Class 552, Subclass 625, 626, 627 and others. Further responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the species of Claim 3. Claim 1 is readable on this species.

To the extent possible, Applicants also request a search of Claims 12, 2, and 42, in that order. If further searching is possible, to the extent possible, Applicants also request a search of Claims 49, 41, and 57, in that order.

Applicants make this election with traverse, because Applicants do not believe that examining each group in a single application would constitute a serious burden (MPEP §

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803). Applicants therefore respectfully request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn, and that the claims be examined together, because the above groups of claims are so interrelated that their examination would not unduly burden the examiner. When claims to the compounds are allowed, Applicants reserve the right to re-enter claims to the method of using the compounds.

By this Response to Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected Group I with traverse. Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully solicited. If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application that may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment, or there are any other issues that can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney at (404) 815-6500 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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